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In our sincere commitment to set the record straight, we have submitted several amendments the past 15 months. In September 1998, we once again sat down with a representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers and a member of Caterpillar Inc.'s accounting department and came to the conclusion the beginning balance for 1997 needed adjusting in the software to balance with bank statements accumulated this past year.

When that adjustment was made, we realized our obligation to redo/amend all the 1997 and 1998 FEC reports to date based on this newly resolved balance of \$47,365.95 for January 1, 1997. That is why the balance for 1996 was not carried forward. It was wrong because entries were made in the software based on payroll reports of money collected through payroll deductions rather than actual money deposited in the bank from these payrolls. (We found foreign facilities have been delinquent in transferring money to our bank account, even though they collected the money from employees.) We have been struggling to collect these deductions since we inherited this position in August 1997. We believe we now have that part resolved and accounted for.

Therefore, we hope you will accept these amended reports sent to you in September knowing we are trying our best to submit a true reflection of the state of our PAC. Thank you for considering our efforts.

Sincerely,

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